Proposal for seting up of the Medical Council for Delhi

312. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Medical Association has sent any proposal to Government for setting up a Medical Council for Delhi which has several medical colleges and thousands of doctors practising; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Involvement of medical profession in the National Family Planning Programme

313. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government have agreed to involve the medical profession in the National Family Planning Programme as proposed by the Delhi Medical Association?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): Delhi Medical Association has proposed that the services of their members be utilised for furtherance of the Family Welfare Programme and the doctors as well as the acceptors be given all incentives as per Government of India orders.

A scheme to involve private medical practitioners in the programme is already in operation. Under the scheme, a private medical practitioner gets Rs. 50/- for every Tubectomy/Vasectomy performed and Rs. 5/- for every IUD inserted. The acceptors utilising the services of these private practitioners for Family Welfare purposes are also entitled to compensation at the prescribed rates subject to the conditions laid down in the relevant Government orders.

Introduction of Vayudoot services for Buddhit shrines in Uttar Pradesh

314. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government to introduce Vayudoot services from Ayodhya to Buddhist shrines like Kushinagar, Shravasti and Kapilvastu; and

(b) whether Government also propose to introduce Vayudoot services for famous shrines like Badrinath and Kedarnath?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. No such request has been received in the recent past.

(b) No, Sir.

Desline in population growth rate

315. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether population growth rate has shown any decline during the last one year; if so, the percentage thereof;

(b) the names of the States where it has declined and the names of the States where it has risen or has remained static; and

(c) the steps taken to restrict growth rates in States where it has gone up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The natural growth rate of population is obtaining as a difference between annual birth and death rates estimated by the Sample Registration System of Registrar General of India. As per latest available estimates the natural growth rates for All India in 1983 and 1984 are 21.8 and 21.3 per thousand population respectively. A statement showing the